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POETRY.

[Here is a beautiful story from our favorite, "Ada." It will be read with pleasure by all lovers of true poetry.]
For the Public Ledger.

MY SUMMER RETREAT.

BY ADA BOMERVILLE.

The path that leads down yonder grove—
My summer's dear retreat,
And at the heart of noon I love
That way to turn my feet:
For o'er the walk express and yew
The dusky foliage twine,
And form an arch that keeps from view
The sun's most brilliant shine.

Beneath yon large yew's foliage green
My seat's a mossy knoll,
And there from favorite books I glean
Refrainment for the soul:
The scene that stretches out before
Is lovely, rich and gay,
It seems to be the fairy shape
Of Nature's best display.

The meadows of their burden clear
Are dressed in varied green,
And shadows, as they quickly veer,
Are gone as soon as seen:
The fragrance of the mown hay
On every breeze is borne,
And lo! yon lane holds a gentle way
O'er fields of golden corn.

Far in the distance o'er the look
The village spires are shown,
And in the vale beneath you roam
A neat old stone house.

More dear to me a pebbly stream
Murmurs through rose hedges,
Reflecting every sunny beam
Through tendrils of the flowers.

New York, March, 1886.

One-fourth Gene.

Upon the remark of Senator Doolittle

that one-fourth of the negroes of the

South had died during the war, the

Mobile Advertiser comments:

We do not think the general figures are

overstated, although we have no idea that

50,000 have perished in battle of wounds.

But want, impudence and disease have

swept away one-fourth of the negro popu-

lation with which the war began, and by

the next census the Senator thinks two-

fifths of the whole will have perished!

The worst of it is, that the causes of

destruction (not being the ravages of war)

are yet, and will continue to be, inactive

and energetic force in times of peace.

At this moment the small-pox is sweep-

ing the colored race as with a besom of

destruction. Can it be, we sometimes

think, the purpose of the Almighty to

repeat the Indian history in that of the

African? Having served his purpose of

development and civilization, is he to dis-

appear from the face of the earth? That

surely is the present direction of the

black man's march, and it will not take

many revolutions of the seasons, at the

present rate of progression, to reach the

end. Then what becomes of the theory

that God sent them into bondage here, in

order to their elevation, and that they

might one day carry back the light and

blessings of civilization and religion to

their own benighted country? Where,

too, shall we look for that colored ar-

my of mind and manners which

Chief Justice Chase forecasts in the near

future of Southern society? God's ways

are inscrutable, surely; and so are those

of the Abolition friends of the poor

negro.

A New Invention—Paper Socks.

Paper is certainly a progressive arti-

cle. Not content with forming material

out of which collars and cuffs are made,

it aspires to still further encroachments

upon the domain of linen, cotton and

wool. The newspapers now announce

the introduction of paper socks. In re-

gard to the last addition the *Scientific*

American says: "The object of this in-

vention consists in producing a new arti-

cle of manufacture, viz: socks made of

paper, or paper and muslin combined.

It is well known that paper is one of the

best materials for keeping in or causing

the body to retain its natural heat; in

other words, it prevents cold air from

reaching such parts of the body as may

be enveloped in it. The inventor de-

signs his socks particularly for use under

or over a pair of ordinary socks or stock-

ings, to be worn in cold weather, but it

is obvious that they can be made of a

kind of paper which will last as long as

an ordinary pair would keep clean, and

they can be made so cheaply that their

cost will not equal the price of wash-

ing. Surely, the world is advancing

for paper socks, indeed, will prove a

novelty. If they can be manufactured

as cheaply as their inventor claims, they

will rapidly grow into general use, and

this is even the profit of the washwoman.

If we can have paper socks, why cannot

we find a substitute for linen altogether?

It seems to us that paper shirt bosoms

demanded our next attention.

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